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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for displaying images, said apparatus comprising

a light transmissive inner hollow body having a central axis and a surface with images thereon,

a single electric light source inside said inner hollow body,

an outer hollow body surrounding said inner body and having a common central axis, said outer hollow body comprising a light transmissive material which serves as a projection screen, whereby said images can be projected onto said projection screen by said light source, said outer hollow body having a first opening concentric to said axis, said first opening being formed in two halves with a channel concentric to said axis,

an electric motor which rotates said inner hollow body about said axis with respect to said outer hollow body, whereby said projected images move on said projection screen, and

a housing fixed to said outer hollow body, said housing holding said electric motor and said light source, said housing being formed with a circumferential flange which is engaged by said channel when said halves are assembled.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

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Claim 3 (original): An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein both said inner hollow body and said outer hollow body are at least substantially spherical and concentric.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): An apparatus as in claim 5 1 further comprising a rotating member which is driven by said motor for rotation relative to said housing, said light source being fixed in said rotating member, said inner hollow body having a neck surrounding a first opening concentric to said axis, said neck engaging said rotating member.

Claim 6 (original): An apparatus as in claim 5 wherein said inner hollow body has a second opening concentric to said axis and axially opposed from said first opening.

Claims 7-8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (previously amended): An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein both said inner hollow body and said outer hollow body are at least substantially spherical and concentric.

Claim 10 (original): An apparatus as in claim 6 wherein said outer hollow body has a second opening concentric to said axis and axially opposed from said first opening.

Claim 11 (original): An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said outer hollow body has an outer surface on which a translucent material is provided, said translucent material serving as said projection screen.

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Claim 12 (original): An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said outer hollow body has a surface with translucent images thereon, said inner hollow body being free of images adjacent to said images on said outer hollow body.

Claim 13 (previously amended): An apparatus for displaying images, said apparatus comprising

an inner hollow body having a central axis and a surface with images thereon,

an outer hollow body surrounding said inner body and having a common central axis, said outer hollow body having an area comprising a translucent material which serves as a projection screen onto which the images can be projected,

an electric motor which rotates said inner hollow body about said axis with respect to said outer hollow body, whereby said images move with respect to said outer hollow body, and

a single light source located inside said inner hollow body, whereby said images are projected onto said projection screen by said light source.

Claim 14 (original): An apparatus as in claim 13 wherein both said inner hollow body and said outer hollow body are at least partially spherical and concentric.

Claim 15 (original): An apparatus as in claim 13 further comprising a housing fixed to said outer hollow body, said housing holding said electric motor.

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Claim 16 (original): An apparatus as in claim 15 further comprising a rotating member which is driven by said motor for rotation relative to said housing, said inner hollow body having a neck defining a first opening concentric to said axis, said neck engaging said rotating member.

Claim 17 (original): An apparatus as in claim 15 wherein said outer hollow body has a first opening concentric to said axis, said opening engaging said housing.

Claim 18 (previously amended): An apparatus as in claim 17 wherein said outer hollow body has a second opening concentric to said axis and axially opposed from said first opening, said apparatus further comprising a cover which is engageable to said outer hollow body to cover said second opening.

Claim 19-21 (cancelled)

Claim 22 (allowed): An apparatus for displaying images, said apparatus comprising

an inner hollow body having a central axis and a surface with images thereon,

an outer hollow body surrounding said inner body and having a common central axis, said outer hollow body having an area which provides visibility of said images,

an electric motor which rotates said inner hollow body about said axis with respect to said outer hollow body, whereby said images move with respect to said outer hollow body, and

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at least one tubular sleeve fitted to a respective at least one of said inner hollow body and said outer hollow body, said at least one tubular sleeve bearing at least one of translucent imagery and a translucent projection screen.

Claim 23 (allowed): An apparatus as in claim 22 wherein both said inner hollow body and said outer hollow body are at least partially spherical and concentric.

Claim 24 (previously submitted): An apparatus as in claim 22 further comprising a single light source located inside said inner hollow body, said at least one tubular sleeve comprising a tubular sleeve fitted to said inner hollow body and bearing translucent images.

Claim 25 (previously submitted): An apparatus as in claim 25 wherein said at least one tubular sleeve comprises a tubular sleeve fitted to said outer hollow body and bearing a translucent projection screen.

Claim 26 (previously submitted): An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said single light source comprises a lamp having a transparent envelope.

Claim 27 (currently amended): An apparatus as in claim ~~27~~ 26 wherein said lamp is an incandescent lamp.

Claim 28 (previously submitted): An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said images are translucent.